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FOR MANIPULATING TISSUE
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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Official Action currently outstanding with respect to the above-identified patent application.

Claims 1-54 stand subject to a restriction requirement under 35 USC 121. More particularly, the Examiner indicated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

I. Claims 1-39 and 54, drawn to a device, classified in class 606, subclass 205; and

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